REMARKS

Claims 40-42 and 58-60 are currently being examined (claims 1-39, 43-57, and 61-69 were withdrawn from consideration). The Examiner has rejected claims 40-42 and 58-60. Applicant has amended independent claims 40 and 58 and respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 40-42 and 58-60 in view of at least the following amendments and remarks.

I.   Rejection of Claims 40 - 42 and 58-60 Based on 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 40 - 42 and 58-60 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Gentner (5,724,595) stating:

> Regarding independent claims 40 and 58, refer to Gentner's abstract, figures 2-4, and column 2 (line 63) through column 4 (line 19). Gentner discloses:
>
> "creating a link between a first lexia and a second lexia". See abstract, in which he discloses *creating a link in an original hypertext document to a target hypertext document.*
>
> "displaying said first lexia in a lexia display window on a display screen". See figure 2 (10).
>
> "displaying a graphical element representing said second lexia in a hypermedia work display window on said display screen". See figures 2 and 3—anchor icon.
>
> "selecting a location for an activation area for said link in said lexia display window". See figure 2 (16).
>
> "selecting said graphical element in said hypermedia work display window". See column 3 (top), in which he discloses *control icons 18, called the "drag icons", which in the preferred embodiment is a representation of a ship's anchor.* Refer also to column 3 (lines 34-55), in which Gentner discloses *moving the mouse cursor over the drag target in the control area of the target window and pressing the select button on the mouse.*
>
> Regarding dependent claims 41-42 and 59-60, refer to Gentner's figure 3 (20) and column 3 (lines 51-54), in which he discloses "exacting a

label", and "said link activation area comprises said label"—*the title of the target page is inserted into the text of the original page at the location of the mouse pointer.*

Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that independent claims 40 and 58 as amended (as well as the accompanying dependent claims) are not anticipated by prior art cited for at least the following reasons.

1) <u>Gentner does not teach, suggest or describe a hypermedia work display window configured to act on more than one lexia.</u>

Gentner discloses the use of a display area for displaying the text of a document and a control area containing control icons including a link creating graphic icon referred to as the "drag target" (See e.g., Gentner, Column 3, lines 1-6). The control area described in Gentner does not contain a plurality of drag targets that provide a mechanism for acting on more than one document. For instance, looking at Gentner's Figure 3, control area 10c and control area 12c both lack a plurality of drag targets. Gentner provides users with the ability to insert a single link associated with a target document into a destination document. When the drag target is moved from area 12c to area 10w a hyperlink 20 is created. The claimed invention differs from Gentner in that it comprises a hypermedia work display (see e.g., Figure 2, 610) window that represents a plurality of lexia and can act on at least a first lexia and a second lexia. Gentner does not provide users with, or suggest, a way to act on multiple lexia in the manner that is claimed. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that Gentner does not anticipate the claimed invention.

B. Rejection of Dependent Claims 41-42 and 59-60 Over Gentner (5,724,595)

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 41-42 and 59-60 being dependent upon respective allowable base claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 40-42 and 58-60, as amended, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that pending claims 40-42 and 58-60 be placed in condition for allowance.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

40.   (ONCE AMENDED) In a computer system, a method for creating a link between a first lexia and a second lexia of a hypermedia work comprising the steps of:

displaying a ~~said~~ first lexia in a lexia display window on a display screen;

displaying a graphical element representing a ~~said~~ second lexia in a hypermedia work display window on said display screen, <u>wherein said hypermedia display window is configured to act on at least said first lexia and said second lexia</u>;

selecting a location for an activation area for a ~~said~~ link in said lexia display window;

selecting said graphical element in said hypermedia work display window.

41.   (UNCHANGED) The method of claim 40 further comprising the steps of:

extracting a label for said link activation area from a data field of said lexia;

displaying said label in said lexia display window.

42.   (UNCHANGED) The method of claim 41 wherein said link activation area comprises said label.

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

58.   (ONCE AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for creating a link between a first lexia and a second lexia of a hypermedia work, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a ~~said~~ first lexia in a lexia display window on a display screen;

displaying a   graphical element representing a ~~said~~ second lexia in a hypermedia work display window on said display screen, <u>wherein said hypermedia display window is configured to act on at least said first lexia and said second lexia</u>;

selecting a location for an activation area for a ~~said~~ link in said lexia display window;

selecting said graphical element in said hypermedia work display window.

59.   (UNCHANGED) The program storage device of claim 58 wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

extracting a label for said link activation area from a data field of said lexia;

displaying said label in said lexia display window.

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

60.   (UNCHANGED) The program storage device of claim 59 wherein said link activation area comprises said label.